Poverty Schemes falling flat

4004. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report regarding the poverty schemes falling flat;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether Government have examined this press report;

(d) if so, whether the report submitted in the Supreme Court on 4th March, 2003 shows exactly how the various food-related poverty alleviation schemes are faring in the country; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHAN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Garbage-dumping grounds pose health hazard

4005. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government realize that garbage-dumping grounds pose health hazard to the people living in their vicinity;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken to ensure that the health of the people living in the vicinity of garbage dumps does not deteriorate;

(c) whether Government have ever ordered spraying of medicines to control and kill germs in these garbage-dumping grounds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Indiscriminate dumping of garbage in an unscientific manner could pose health hazard to the people living in their vicinity.

(b) Since sanitation is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government and urban local bodies to take appropriate action for